

**Arkansas Health Information Technology (HIT) Executive Committee Meeting**  
**1401 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 300**  
**Victory Building**  
**Little Rock, AR 72201**  
**Friday, September 18, 2009**  
**10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Chairman: Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH**  
**Surgeon General, State of Arkansas**

**Discussion Topics**

- Welcome
- Demonstration of HIT systems
  - Health Information Exchange (HIE) example – Jerry Bradshaw (Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield) and Tom Harbuck (Jefferson Regional Medical Center)
  - Recommendation to the Governor for HIE model
- HIE updates
  - Recommendation to the Governor for HIE governance model
    - For at least two years, the exchange will be housed in the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) with advice from the Surgeon General, leveraging technology infrastructure from the Department of Information Systems (DIS).
- Regional Extension Centers (REC) update – Jonathan Fuchs (Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care) *\*The Governor and the State Medical Director have designated AFMC as the state applicant for REC funds.*

**Action Items**

1. Claire Bailey (Department of Information Systems) presented an HIE model created by members of the HIT Executive Committee:
  - The HIT Executive Committee amended the following items:
    - The model should include the availability of an administrative data server
    - The model should reflect national connectivity through central “hub” servers
    - Terms used in the model should be consistent—expand HIE glossary
  - On motion by Tom Harbuck (Jefferson Regional Medical Center), second by David Wroten (Arkansas Medical Society), the HIT Executive Committee voted to accept and submit the HIE model developed by Executive Committee members to the Governor for approval during the HIT Executive Committee meeting on September 18, 2009 as amended. *Chair: Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH; eight voting members, no objections.*

2. Dr. Thompson presented a three-phase HIE governance model created by members of the HIT Executive Committee:
  - The HIT Executive Committee amended the following items:
    - Phase two of the model should include an executive board responsible for overseeing the activity of the forthcoming HIE entity
    - The term “HIT” should be changed to “HIE” (throughout the model) with regards to the title of the forthcoming entity and its function
    - The role of the Surgeon General should be amended in phase two of the model
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3. Dr. Thompson requested that the HIT Executive Committee develop an integrated proposal of Arkansas’ strategic plan—to be discussed at the next HIT Executive Committee meeting on Friday, September 25, 2009.